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**LOAN PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN RECOVERY
FROM NOVEMBER SEVERE WEATHER**

Indianapolis – The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) received notice yesterday the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved Governor Daniels' request for a disaster declaration for the November 15 severe weather and tornado that struck parts of southwestern Indiana. The declaration means homeowners and businesses in affected counties are eligible now for the SBA's Disaster Loan program.

Homeowners and businesses who sustained damage in the following counties are eligible for the U.S. SBA Disaster Loan program:

- Davies
- Dubois
- Greene
- Knox
- Martin
- Pike

"This SBA loan program will enable Hoosier homeowners and businesses who suffered losses as the result of the November 15 severe weather event to access financial resources enabling them to rebuild their property – and their lives," said J. Eric Dietz, IDHS Executive Director. "IDHS appreciates the SBA's prompt response to the Governor's request for assistance."

The U. S. SBA's Disaster Loan program includes two types of loans, the physical disaster loan and the economic injury disaster loan. The physical disaster loan application deadline is March 6, 2006 and the economic injury disaster loan application deadline is October 4, 2006.

Homeowners or businesses who wish to apply for a loan or who have questions concerning the SBA Disaster Loan program can visit a temporary U.S. SBA office, set to open on Friday, January 6, at Dinky's Auction Center, 9084E 500N, Montgomery, Indiana. The office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays. The office will remain open for two weeks.

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